

Modernity

Progress — Tomorrow should be better than today.

Industry — Machines reorganize work and society.

Reason — Rational thought outranks tradition.

Nation — Political identity

centers on the state.

Science — Knowledge comes through systematic inquiry.

Planning — Society can be designed and managed.

Discipline — Institutions shape behavior and conduct.

Production — Value comes

from making things.

Revolution — Radical change
is possible and desirable.

Certainty — Universal truths
can be discovered.

Postmodernity

Networks — Connections

matter more than locations.

Fragments — Wholes dissolve
into pieces and perspectives.

Simulation — Representations
compete with reality itself.

Consumption — Identity is
expressed through choices

and purchases.

Identity — The self becomes fluid and negotiable.

Flux — Constant change replaces stability.

Hybridity — Boundaries between categories become porous.

Irony — Distance and self-awareness replace conviction.

Complexity — Causes and effects become harder to trace.

Uncertainty — Multiple truths coexist without final resolution.